

July 22, 2018 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 21

5:00 p.m. +**Joseph C. Tran**
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, July 22

8:00 a.m. +**Henryk Kuruc**
By Anna Kuruc

10:30 a.m. +**Dolores Baruka**
By Joanne and Ray Malejko

Monday, July 23 *Saint Bridget*

8:45 a.m. **Blessings of Healing for Diego Orozco**
By Barbara Mallon

Tuesday, July 24 *Saint Makhluf*

8:45 a.m. +**Thomas and Beatrice Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Wednesday, July 25 *Saint James*

8:45 a.m. +**Catherine Hofmann**
By Nellie Haddick

Thursday, July 26 *NO MASS*

Friday, July 27

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Saturday, July 28

5:00 p.m. +**Lori Baldwin**
By Jim and Eileen Mattison

Sunday, July 29

8:00 a.m. +**Joseph C. Tran**
By Family

10:30 a.m. +**Julie Malia**
By Elmer and Patricia Kollar

Saint James: Feast Day: July 25

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. “He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom.

“Jesus said in reply, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We can!’” (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it “is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father” (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident “We can!”

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—“sons of thunder”—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. “When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?’ Jesus turned and rebuked them...” (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. “About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also” (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the *Letter of James* and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

Reflection

The way the Gospels treat the apostles is a good reminder of what holiness is all about. There is very little about their virtues as static possessions, entitling them to heavenly reward. Rather, the great emphasis is on the Kingdom, on God’s giving them the power to proclaim the Good News. As far as their personal lives are

concerned, there is much about Jesus' purifying them of narrowness, pettiness, fickleness.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ will host a spiritual 4-day Walking Pilgrimage on August 9th – 12th, starting at their church to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Walkers range from infants to people well into



their 70's. You may join their spiritual trip any day of the journey and for as many days as you wish.

More information can be found on www.walkingpilgrimage.us, or call 908-637-4269. Register on-line before July 31 for a discount.

St. Theodore Parishioners: The pilgrim priests, brothers, and nuns will be stopping by our church again this year for lunch. Again, we are counting on your generous donations of water, fruit, cookies, cakes, snacks, etc. They will be here on August 9 before 12 noon. Supplies can be dropped off at the Narthex or Parish Office.

"What You Wear to Mass"

God always is looking at the heart (0 p.m.) the exterior. However, what we wear to worship our holy, pure God may be an indication of where our hearts are. If you have never considered it before, ask yourself, "Does it matter how I look when I am going to worship the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords and receive the Body and Blood of Christ? Keep in mind that having a proper attitude towards God Himself is important preparation for worship at church. Although we need less clothing during the summer months, the type of clothing should be respectful and modest.

Women and teen girls should never wear shorts, halter tops, strapless tops to church. These are not acceptable clothing for church.

Our Sunday Offering

July 1: \$2,269 July 8: \$2,371. July 15: \$2,379
Mission Co-Op: \$846.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It is time to register your child!

What is needed for Registration?

- Registration form completed for each child (one form per child)
- Your check is to be made out to St. Theodore Church.
- Payment -Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should still register & contact Fr. Damian.

What is the tuition cost?

\$120 for one child; \$200 for two, \$240 for three or more children.

Sacraments Fee Additional \$50 (Grades 2 & 8) For more information and to download forms go to <http://sttheodorenj.com> or call 908-689-8318, ext 2.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Religious Education

Two Aides Needed

Every Monday at 6 p.m.:

- *Front Door Monitor
- *Aide to assist Ginny at school (before, during and after class (6 to 7:30 pm)



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Peter S., Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Maryanne C., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso, Gaspar Scozzati, Eleanor D., Tom and Jean C.